

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1-4. (canceled)

5. (withdrawn) A mop swab comprising a plurality of ribbons as set forth in Claim 14 wherein the ribbons are joined substantially centrally of the swab in a bunched together relationship for attachment to a handle fixture.

6-12. (canceled)

13. (currently amended) A yarn substitute comprising:
an outer layer of inexpensive waste material folded onto itself to form an exteriorly-facing upper outer layer and
[[a]] an exteriorly-facing lower outer layer; and

an inner layer of inexpensive waste material between said exteriorly-facing upper and lower outer layers,

said inner layer and said exteriorly-facing upper and lower outer layers being connected together along substantially an entire length of a substantially central portion of the inner and outer layers by a connection extending through ~~the~~ both exteriorly-facing outer layers and the inner layer to maintain the

inner layer between the exteriorly-facing upper and lower outer layers and to prevent or limit movement of the inner layer relative to the exteriorly-facing outer layers.

14. (currently amended) An elongate ribbon comprising:
a strip of absorbent outer non-woven fabric at least folded over onto itself longitudinally to form exteriorly-facing upper and lower outer fabric layers; and

an absorbent inner filling formed from waste from non-woven materials and being between the exteriorly-facing upper and lower outer fabric layers to form a sandwich structure,

the exteriorly-facing upper and lower outer fabric layers and inner filling being connected together along substantially an entirety of a substantially central portion of the inner filling and the exteriorly-facing upper and lower outer fabric layers by a connection extending through the exteriorly-facing upper and lower outer fabric layers and inner filling to maintain the inner filling between the exteriorly-facing upper and lower outer fabric layers and to prevent or limit movement of the inner filling relative to the exteriorly-facing upper and lower outer fabric layers.

15. (currently amended) An elongate ribbon comprising:

exteriorly-facing outer strips of non-woven fabric each having first and second edges and a central portion between said first and second edges; and

an inner filling formed from waste from non-woven materials and being layered between said exteriorly-facing outer strips to form a sandwich structure,

said exteriorly-facing outer strips and said inner filling being bound together by a connection extending through the exteriorly-facing outer strips and inner filling along substantially an entirety of a substantially central portion of the inner filling and the exteriorly-facing outer strips to maintain the inner filling between the exteriorly-facing outer strips and to prevent or limit movement of the inner filling relative to the exteriorly-facing outer strips.

16. (withdrawn/currently amended) [[An]] The elongate ribbon according to claim 15, wherein there are a plurality of elongate ribbons each having a distal end, a proximal end, each said proximal end being connected to a fixture and each said distal end being free.

17. (withdrawn/currently amended) The elongate ribbon as claimed in claim 16, wherein each of said ~~plural~~ plurality of elongate ribbons are folded over themselves along a respective longitudinal axis.

18. (withdrawn) The yarn substitute according to claim 13, wherein said yarn substitute is formed into a plurality of ribbons.

19. (withdrawn) The yarn substitute according to claim 18, wherein the ribbons are joined substantially centrally in bunched together relationship for attachment to a handle fixture.

20. (withdrawn/currently amended) The yarn substitute according to claim 18, ~~where-in~~ wherein the elongate ribbons are formed of a non-woven material.

21. (withdrawn) The yarn substitute according to claim 18, wherein the elongate ribbons have margins which are joined together.

22. (withdrawn) The yarn substitute according to claim 21, wherein the margins are connected by one of stitching and fabric rolling.

23. (withdrawn) The yarn substitute according to claim 13, wherein the waste material of both the inner and outer layers is absorbent.

24. (new) The yarn substitute according to claim 13, wherein the inner layer is between the exteriorly-facing upper and lower outer layers along substantially an entire length of the exteriorly-facing outer layers.